

To/ James Maxwell, Esq.
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New Orleans.

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Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst. was received this morning, and I have to thank you for the information which it gives me as to the proceedings in your establishment.

Of the course pursued by Mr. Tyler and yourself with the refractory hands in your department, I entirely approve. You have a difficult and responsible task to perform, and you cannot ~~sure~~ hope to succeed in it without strict discipline. Your rules are perfectly just and mild, and they must be obeyed. I ~~am~~ am surprised not to see in them an article docking the wages for lost time.

My letter to Mr. Tyler, of this date, will give you information as to the scale wages ordered from France. That provided to you from here shall be sent as soon as our mind is fixed. You might be advised by Mr. Sartorius new beam, which is an admirable piece of work.

Mr. Peale & Mr. Jacob Eckfeldt recom-
mend that you should purchase your own
bowl-ashes. The best bowl is the cores
of cows horns. These are to be burnt,
by a red heat, in your test furnace,
by the recuperatory fire, and then
ground in your crushing mill.

Mr. Peale recommends that you be cau-
tious in the employment of your test,
as he finds it to be very wasteful.

Mr. Peale will write to Baltimore
to order additional ^{to be sent to} parts for you. They
are already finished.

I am making arrangements to procure
refined granulated copper from New York,
for alloys, and you can have a supply
if I succeed. In the mean while I
presume that you will find copper bolts
to answer your purpose. We are now
using them.

Your draft in favor of Mr. Eckfeldt
for \$150, was duly paid, and his receipt
for the amount is endorsed on your note to
him of Nov. 11th for \$400, as in account.

It will be very gratifying to me
to hear, from time to time, of your
proceedings at the Smithsonian, es-
pecially in your own department.

The officers join in kind remembrances
to you and Mr. Tyler and Dr. Hest.

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